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- 19. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising 30 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1 and further comprising an alteration, wherein said alteration is selected from the group consisting of T at position 89837, G at position 154202, A at position 154431, and G at position 160052.
- 20. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO:1 and further comprising an alteration, wherein said alteration is selected from the group consisting of T at position 89837, G at position 154202, A at position 154431, and G at position 160052.
- 21. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 20, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises positions 89803-89988 of SEQ ID NO:1 and said alteration is T at position 89837.
- 22. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 20, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises positions 153994-154500 of SEQ ID NO:1 and said alteration is G at position 154202.
- 23. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 20, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises positions 153994-154500 of SEQ ID NO:1 and said alteration is A at position 154431.
- 24. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 20, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises positions 159915–160827 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and said alteration is G at position 160052.
- 25. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 20, wherein said alteration comprises T at position 89837, G at position 154202, A at position 154431, and G at position 160052.
- 26. A nucleic acid probe which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 20 but does not hybridize to a nucleic acid molecule having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 27. The nucleic acid probe of claim 26, wherein the probe is selected from the group consisting of
 - a) a probe that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having T at position 89837 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having C at position 89837;

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- b) a probe that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having G at position 154202 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having A at position 154202; c) a probe that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having A at position 154431 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having G at position 154431; and d) a probe that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having G at position 160052 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having A at position 160052.
- 28. The probe of claim 27, wherein the probe hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having T at position 89837 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having C at position 89837.
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- 29. The probe of claim 27, wherein the probe hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having G at position 154202 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having A at position 154202.
- 30. The probe of claim 27, wherein the probe hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having A at position 154431 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having G at position 154431.
- 31. The probe of claim 27, wherein the probe hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having G at position 160052 but not to a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 having A at position 160052.
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- 32. The probe of claim 27, wherein the probe is detectably labeled.
- 33. A method for diagnosing a mutation in a breast cancer patient comprising hybridizing a probe of claim 27 to a patient's sample of DNA or RNA, the presence of a hybridization signal being indicative of breast cancer.
- 34. A method according to claim 33 wherein the patient is European decent.

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- 35. A method according to claim 34 wherein the patient's DNA or RNA has been amplified and said amplified DNA or RNA is hybridized with a probe of claim 27.
- 36. A method according to claim 34 wherein said hybridization is performed in situ.